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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A transaction processing device, comprising:
 - a POS terminal having a CPU and a display;
 - a network facilitating electronic communications between the POS terminal, a lottery game controller, a lottery transaction controller and one or more third party application providers;
 - ~~a lottery game controller in communication with said terminal;~~
 - ~~a lottery transaction controller in communication with said terminal;~~
 - retailer software operable by said CPU for displaying ~~an a first~~ interface associated with at least one non-lottery-related retailer function on said POS terminal display, and
 - lottery software operable by said CPU for displaying ~~an a second~~ interface associated with at least one lottery-related retailer function on said POS terminal display, and further for displaying a third interface associated with an application provided by one or more third party application providers via the network.
2. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said POS terminal is provided with memory and said retailer software is stored in and operable from said memory for display on said POS terminal display.

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3. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said retailer software is stored on a retailer controller in communication with said POS terminal and operable by said CPU for display on said POS terminal display.
4. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said POS terminal is provided with memory and said lottery software is stored in and operable from said memory for display on said POS terminal display.
5. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said lottery software is stored on a lottery controller in communication with said POS terminal and operable by said CPU for display on said POS terminal display.
6. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said lottery software is operable for managing lottery game offerings and wherein said second interface is a game selection interface.
7. (currently amended) The device of claim 6 wherein said lottery game controller hosts a plurality of available lottery games and wherein said second interface allows selection of a game offering hosted by said game controller and selected by a user of said POS terminal, said selection being communicated to said lottery game controller.
8. (currently amended) The device of claim 7 wherein said second interface displays an interface associated with said selected game upon said selection being communicated to said game controller.

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9. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said lottery software is operable for managing lottery transactions and wherein said displayed second interface is taken from the group consisting of: lottery ticket purchase, lottery ticket cancellation, lottery ticket validation, lottery game result query.
10. (original) The device of claim 9 wherein said lottery transaction controller facilitates processing of lottery transactions with a remote lottery host system.
11. (currently amended) The device of claim 9 wherein said POS terminal display is a lottery ticket purchase display and wherein said POS terminal display includes selection options for executing one of: a quick pick ticket, a draw ticket.
12. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said POS terminal further is in operating communication with a printing device.
13. (currently amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said second interface is displayed via a web browser.
14. (currently amended) A method of conducting lottery transactions, comprising the steps of:
providing at least one POS terminal device adapted for lottery and non-lottery transactions,
said POS terminal device being further provided with a CPU and a display;
providing a network facilitating electronic communications between the POS device, a

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lottery game controller, a lottery transaction controller and one or more third party application providers;

~~providing a lottery game controller operatively connected to said at least one POS device;~~

~~providing a lottery transaction server operatively connected to said at least one POS device;~~

providing retailer software operable by said CPU for displaying an a first interface associated with at least one non-lottery-related retailer function on said terminal display, and

providing lottery software operable by said CPU for displaying an a second interface associated with at least one lottery-related retailer function on said terminal display, and

providing an application programming interface through which third party applications can communicate with the lottery software.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said POS terminal is provided with memory and said retailer software is stored in and operable from said memory for display on said POS terminal display.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said retailer software is stored on a retailer controller in communication with said POS terminal and operable by said CPU for display on said POS terminal display.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said POS terminal is provided

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with memory and said lottery software is stored in and operable from said memory for display on said POS terminal display.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said lottery software is stored on a lottery controller in communication with said POS terminal and operable by said CPU for display on said POS terminal display.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said lottery software is operable for managing lottery game offerings and wherein said second interface is a game selection interface.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19 wherein said lottery game controller hosts a plurality of available lottery games and wherein said second interface allows selection of a game offering hosted by said game controller and selected by a user of said POS terminal, said selection being communicated to said lottery game controller.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 20 wherein said second interface displays an interface associated with said selected game upon said selection being communicated to said game controller.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said lottery software is operable for managing lottery transactions and wherein said displayed second interface is taken from the group consisting of: lottery ticket purchase, lottery ticket cancellation, lottery ticket validation, lottery game result query.

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23. (original) The method of claim 22 wherein said lottery transaction controller facilitates processing of lottery transactions with a remote lottery host system.
24. (currently amended) The method of claim 22 wherein said second display is a lottery ticket purchase display and wherein said second display includes selection options for executing one of: a quick pick ticket, a draw ticket.
25. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said POS terminal further is in operating communication with a printing device.
26. (currently amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said second interface is displayed via a web browser.
27. (currently amended) A system for processing lottery transactions, comprising:
a POS terminal having a CPU and a display;
a retailer controller, a lottery game controller, and a lottery transaction controller, all in communication with said POS terminal, said retailer controller including function determination means for determining whether a retailer function input via said POS terminal device is lottery-related or non-lottery related;
retailer software operable by said CPU for displaying ~~an~~ a first interface associated with at least one non-lottery-related retailer function on said terminal display, and
lottery software operable by said CPU for displaying ~~an~~ a second interface associated with at

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least one lottery-related retailer function on said terminal display, said lottery software including an application programming interface for receiving third party gaming applications and further including a transaction handler for abstracting system communications and security details from one or more third party applications. whereby, upon receipt via said POS device of an input corresponding to a retailer function, said CPU transmits said input to said retailer controller and upon said input corresponding to a lottery-related function, said retailer controller transmits said input to one of said lottery game controller or said lottery transaction controller.

28. (currently amended) A method of adapting a point-of-sale device POS terminal to incorporate lottery transaction capabilities, said POS terminal device having a CPU and a display, comprising the steps of:

providing lottery software operable by said CPU for displaying an at least a lottery transaction interface associated with at least one lottery-related retailer function on said POS terminal display;

providing a lottery game controller operatively connected to said at least one POS terminal device for providing at least one lottery game option selectable by an the lottery transaction interface displayed using said lottery software; and

providing a lottery transaction server operatively connected to said at least one POS terminal device for providing at least one lottery transaction option selectable by an the lottery transaction interface displayed using said lottery software;

providing a network facilitating electronic communications between the POS device, the lottery game controller, the lottery transaction server and one or more third party application providers; and

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providing an application programming interface through which third party applications can communicate with the lottery software.

29. (currently amended) A method for facilitating lottery and non-lottery transactions, comprising the steps of:

providing a ~~point-of-sale device~~ POS terminal with a plurality of display interfaces, including at least one non-lottery transaction interface, and at least one lottery transaction interface;

providing a central lottery server in communication with the point-of-sale device over a network;

providing means for selecting one or more lottery applications for display on said lottery transaction interface;

providing means for communicating said lottery application selection to the a central lottery server;

providing an application programming interface through which third party applications can communicate with the central lottery server.

providing means for conducting lottery transactions via said POS terminal device, including receiving lottery transaction requests, entering said request into said POS terminal device, and communicating said transaction to a lottery transaction server; and

providing means for conducting non-lottery transactions via said POS terminal device.

30. (currently amended) A lottery system, comprising:

a lottery server operable to process lottery transactions and provide interactive lottery games

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over a network, with the lottery server having an application programming interface through which third party applications can communicate with the lottery server; and

a plurality of distributor server systems, each having at least one browser-based point-of-sale device for processing lottery and non-lottery transactions, said distributor server systems being in operable communication with said network, and wherein the at least one point-of-sale device includes a transaction handler interface integrated therewith for managing data exchange and communications with at least one third party application.

31. (currently amended) A lottery system, comprising:

a lottery server operable to process lottery transactions and provide interactive lottery games over a network, with the lottery server having an application programming interface through which third party applications can communicate with the lottery server;

at least one first distributor server system having at least one browser-based point-of-sale device for processing lottery and non-lottery transactions, said first distributor server system being in operable communication with said network; and

at least one second distributor server system having at least one self-service, browser-based point-of-sale device for processing lottery and non-lottery transactions, said second distributor server system being in operable communication with said network.